

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8006 of the Second Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Major Douglas Frierson,  
U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), for his meritorious  
service to our nation.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Major Douglas Frierson is a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served his nation with honor during the Vietnam War; he is also distinguished as the only retired African-American Marine Corps officer from Maury County; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Clarence and Alma Frierson, Major Frierson was born in Columbia on September 12, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Major Douglas Frierson graduated from Carver-Smith High School in 1967 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on July 13, 1967; and

WHEREAS, after completing his training, Major Frierson was deployed to Vietnam from January 31, 1968, to February 22, 1969, and served his nation with great courage and honor; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his leadership abilities and professionalism, Major Frierson was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant on September 1, 1973, and to Warrant Officer on January 1, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Major Douglas Frierson attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer in January 1979 and was promoted to First Lieutenant in May 1980, Captain in February 1983, and Major in May 1988; and

WHEREAS, committed to higher education, Major Frierson earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in 1979 and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1983 from National University in La Jolla, California; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years of active service in the United States Marine Corps, Major Frierson took his well-deserved retirement on February 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Major Douglas Frierson married the love of his life, Eunice Elaine Frierson, of Albany, Georgia, on May 11, 1973, and together they have enjoyed forty-seven years of wedded bliss; the Friersons are the proud parents of Toya Pye and Porsche Frierson and the devoted grandparents and great-grandparents of two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a prostate cancer survivor himself, Major Frierson is a staunch advocate for the early detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, he is also highly regarded for being the very embodiment of his personal motto: "Give without remembering and receive without forgetting"; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery and dedication to preserving the treasured freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should recognize Major Douglas Frierson for his selfless service in our nation's military; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Major Douglas Frierson, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), for his years of meritorious service to his country as a military officer and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.